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SUBJECT: LOS: COMMITTEE I WORKING GROUP, MAR. 24

1. WORKING GROUP OF C-I MET A.M., MAR. 24 AND CONCENTRATED DISCUSSION ON STAGES OF ACTIVITIES TO BE REGULATED BY AUTHORITY. US (RATINER) OPENED MEETING WITH EXPLANATION OF INTERRELATIONSHIP OF STAGES ENVISIONED IN GROUP OF 77 DRAFT (GENERAL SURVEY, EXPLORATION, EVALUATION, FEASIBILITY STUDY, CONSTRUCTION, EXPLOITATION, PROCESSING, TRANSPORTATION AND MARKETING). HE INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DIVIDE PROCESS INTO MORE THAN THREE BASIC STAGES (PROSPECTING, EVALUATION AND EXPLOITATION) (U.S. DRAFT). PERU, BRAZIL, EGYPT AND ALGERIAN REPS INDICATED VAGUE FLEXIBILITY IN GROUP OF 77 PROPOSAL, EXPLAINING THAT AT LEAST IN EARLY YEARS AUTHORITY WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO PERMIT INTEGRATED OPERATIONS, ALTHOUGH AT LATER TIME, NOTION OF SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR SEPARATE PHASES MIGHT BECOME FEASIBLE. ZAMBIAN REP MADE STRONG INTERVENTION SUPPORTING REGULATION BY AUTHORITY OF MARKETING PHASE, STATING THIS WAS CRITICAL TO AUTHORITY'S OBTAINING REVENUES.

2. US REJOINED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR AUTHORITY TO REGULATE PROCESSING AND MARKETING PHASES SINCE THIS WOULD OCCUR IN SOVEREIGN STATE AND THAT PROSPECTIVE OPERATORS MUST HAVE ASSURANCE THAT IF FIRST PHASE OF LEGAL

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ARRANGEMENT IS CARRIED OUT SUCCESSFULLY THEY MAY MOVE

FORWARD TO LATER AND MORE REMUNERATIVE PHASES. COLOMBIAN
REP EMPHASIZED THAT COMPROMISE APPEARED POSSIBLE IF GROUP
OF 77'S INTERESTS IN LOCATING PROCESSING PLANTS IN LDC'S
AND ACHIEVING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER WERE PROTECTED.

3. BRAZIL, EGYPT, ALGERIA AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO REPS
STRONGLY SUPPORTED AUTHORITY ROLE IN REGULATION OF
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. ACCORDING TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND
OTHERS, KEY JUSTIFICATION WAS DIFFICULTY IN DISTINGUISHING
BETWEEN PURE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND APPLIED SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH OR PROSPECTING. CHINA REP MADE LONG GENERAL
INTERVENTION ON ARTICLE 9 TO WHICH OTHER DELEGATES DID NOT
REPLY. DALE

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